Gratiæ Ludentes.

IESTS, FROM THE VNIVERSITIE.

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To the Reader.

COurteous Reader, I have after so many pamphlets in this kinde adventured this also into your hands; hoping that it will finde as courteous acceptance from you as the rest. If I love not my young Ape too well, I thinke the value of it as great as any of the same species that went be-

fore it: which if you l k
as I doe, embrace it. I
not laugh at it, and so to
I shall not misse my end
I have restrained my
selfe from all Iests in ear
rest on any mans person
which if any (unwitting
to me) shall apply to him
selfe, let him conceale him
selfe as I doe, and he sha
be the lesse laught at. A
also from all scurrilou
and obscene Jests whic
would oppose good man
ners or civill urbanity

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Which if any expect let him desist from reading this, where I hope is nothing without the bounds of lawfull mirth. Reade on, judge, and say you the rest.

Farewell.

G.R.&M.
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OR,
Jeſtes from the Vniverſity.

On a Scholler.

A Scholler that chanc'd in the night time to bee lockt out of their Colledge gates, wherefore hee knockt and a

friend of his that heard it, came to the gates, of whom hee deſired that hee would goe to the head of the houſe to get the keyes he being within ſide anſwered him that hee were beſt to goe him ſelfe for hee feared he ſhould not prevaile.

Of ſome that went to ſteal Conies.

A Company of wilde Scholle

in the Vniverſity, went forth on a time to ſteale conies, and warned a novice or freſhman that was among them, that hee ſhould make no noiſe for feare of ſcaring them away, ſo having ſeparated themſelves, at laſt it was his fortune to eſpy a ſtocks, wherfore he cryed aloud to his companions, *Ecce cuniculi multi*, (in Engliſh, loe where are ma-

ny conies)& ſtraight-way the conies all ran to their berries, for which his fellowes chiding him, hee ſaide why, who (a devill) would have thought that conies could underſtand Latine.

Of Scotus.

A Certaine Noble man ſitting at table, oppoſite to *Scotus*, amongſt other diſ-

courſe

courſe merrily asked him, what was the difference betweene Sot and Scot, he anſwered him, nothing but the table Sir.

On a Curate.

A Country Curate comming to *Oxford* to take his degree of Mr. of Arts, was askt by the head of the houſe whereof he was a ſmall member, how

hee durſt being ſo greene, to enter himſelf into the Miniſtry? the Curate anſwered him; becauſe the Lord hath neede of me, the other replyed, I never heard the Lord had need of any thing but an Aſſe.

On a Biſhop bearing Armes.

A Biſhop that had borne Armes againſt a King, was by him

him taken and kept priſoner: whereupon the Pope writ to the King, that hee had much violated the priviledge of the holy Church, in taking one of his ſonnes captive, and keeping him as a priſoner. The King having received his letters, ſent backe to him the armour wherein the Biſhoppe was taken, with theſe words; *Vide num hæc*

ſit veſtis filii tui :ſee (I pray) if this be the habit of one of your ſonnes?

Of an Heretique.

A Certaine Heretick whoſe Bookes were (for the wrong tenents in them) condemned to the fire, he himſelfe being at the pile, a ſpectator made uſe of that verſe of *Ovid*,

Parve,

Parve, nec invideo, ſine me liber ibis in ignem.

One who was ſtanding by and heard him, made reply with the next verſe,

Hei mihi quod Domino, non licet ire tuo.

Of an Alderman.

A Diſcreet Alderman of *Oxford*, told ſome of his brethren that they ſhould overthrow the Vniverſity,

verſity in a law caſe (which was then in agitation) if by ſearching the ancient records they could prove *Henry* the ſecond to have beene before *Henry* the firſt.

On unlacing a Rabbet.

A Plaine, but an underſtanding ſcholler, being at table with certaine Ladies, they conculded privately

vately to make ſome ſport with him, wherefore one of them ſent him a Rabbet, deſiring him to unlace it, hee ſcarce knowing the terme, leſſe how to performe her deſire, tooke out of the Rabbet the kidneies, and putting them on a trencher ſent them to her, deſiring her to pardon him, for though hee had not unlac't it, yet he

he had unbutton'd it for her Ladiſhip.

On an Oxford Townesman.

A Townesman of *Oxford* being in company with Schollers, and hearing them diſcourſe, wold needs intermingle with them, and told them that though they were Schollers, yet could he tell as well as any of them, what was La-

tine

tine for any part in a mans body, yea, ſaies one of them, prethee what is Latine for a Townesmans head? a head, ſaith hee, and withall producing his Almanacke, lookt on the Anatomy and anſwered, why, *Aries* head and face, at which the company laughing, he ſwore that if it were not *Aries* it was *Taurus*.

Of

of a Country Curate.

A Silly Country Curate came to *London* in the time of the ſickneſſe, and ſeeing *Lord have mercy upon us*, written on the doore of an infected houſe, Marry quoth he, it is a very goodly ſentence, and great pitty it is, but it ſhould bee written on every houſe in *London*.

On a Welchman in Oxford.

AT a ſtageplay in *Oxford*, a Corniſh man was brought forth to wreſtle with foure Welchmen, one after the other, and when he had put them all to the worſt, hee called out a loud have you any more Welchmen? which words a ſcholler of Ieſus Colledge, being himſelfe of the Britiſh Nation tooke

tooke in great endagine, inſomuch that he leapt upon the ſtage and threw the Player in earneſt, and ſaide have you any more, &c.

Of a Scholler being troubled with a tyred horſe.

A Scholler upon the way was tormemted with a tired horſe, and not knowing otherwiſe how to make him goe, held out on

a ſticke a bottle of hay before his head, which the horſe being greedy to overtake, put forward and ſo performed the journey.

Of an old Henne.

A Certaine Alderman had heard a ſcholler at table ſay of an old gooſe, (as once *Eraſmus*) that it was one of thoſe that ſaved the *Roman* Capitoll,

toll, the jeſt being by the company applauded, the Alderman himſelfe ſaid it afterward of an old henne, that it was one that ſaved the Capitoll.

Of a Scholler and a Townesmans wife.

A Scholer comming to a Townesmans wife, enquiring of her very earneſtly for her husband, telling her withall that hee was

ſurely

ſurely falne into the fire, ſhe preſently looking, and finding no ſuch matter, demanded what ſhold make him thinke ſo? why (quoth hee) there is ſuch a ſtink of hornes before the doore, that I would have ſworne your husband had burnt bis head.

On the falling of a Meteor.

ONe ſeeing a Meteor fal down when an Aſtronomer was taking the height of a Starre with his *Jacobs* ſtaffe, cryed out unto him, O well ſhot i-faith!

Of a Blinde man.

VVHen *Iulian* the Apoſtate in a mocke demanded of blinde

blinde *Ignatius*, why he went not to *Galilee* to recover his eye-ſight, hee made him this anſwer, no, I am contented with my blindeneſſe, becauſe I may not ſee ſuch a tyrant as thou art.

Of a Boy like Auguſtus.

Auguſtus Cæſar, an Emperor of *Rome*, travelling through one of the Provinces; ſaw

ſaw a boy very like to himſelfe, wherefore in a ſcoffe hee askt him if his mother was never at *Rome*, the boy anſwered no, but my Father was.

On a Player coughing.

A Player being ſlain upon the ſtage, was troubled with a ſuddain cough, which hee endeavouring to ſuppreſſe was manifeſtly

feſtly ſeene to ſhake and move, and at laſt did cough indeed. At which the Spectators laughing, one of his owne Company ſtanding by, ſaid that hee was wont to drinke in his pottage.

Of a Welch Miniſter.

A Welch Miniſter being to Preach on a Sunday, certaine merry companions had

had got him into a celler, to drinke his mornings draught, and in the meane while ſtole his Notes out of his pocket. Hee nothing doubting went to the Church, into the pulpit, where having ended his prayer, he miſt at laſt his Notes, wherefore hee ſaide: My good neighbors I have loſt my Sermon, but I will reade you a Chapter

in

in *Job* ſhall be worth two of it.

On a great meſſe of Broth.

A Certaine merry Gentleman ſeeing a great meſſe of broth ſet on the Table with a little chop of Mutton in the middeſt of it, haſtily unbuttoned his doublet, and being asked by the reſt what was his meaning, why, quoth hee,

I meane to ſwimme through this Sea of pottage, unto the Iſle of Mutton.

Of a great Eater.

A Gormandizer being about to ſit downe at table, complained that hee had loſt his ſtomack. Well (quoth one that ſtood by) if a poore man hath found it, he is directly undone.

Of

Of a Cavilleire.

A Certaine Caval. leire ſlighted a man in his company as being a Scholler. Well Sir (anſwered he) God might have made you a Scholler too if had pleaſed him.

One being to take a journey.

ONe being taking a journey into the

Country was adviſed by a friend of his not to go that day for certainely (quoth hee) it will raine, puh (replies the other) it is no matter for raine, ſo it hold up underfoot.

Of one that married a crooked woman.

A Gentleman had taken to wife a woman of good conditions, but crooked of

of body, which being by some objected unto him, hee said that God had bowed her and sent her to him for a token.

A Cuckold.

AN *Oxford* Townsman speaking of his former wife, said thus? If a man first marry a whore and after her death an honest woman, am I a

Cuckold then?

A division of a Text.

A Scholler of the Vniversity of *Oxford*, being to Preach there in one of the Parish Churches, and owing much money unto men of the same Parish, chose this Text out of the Gospell. Have patience, and I will pay you all. Which he divided into

to

to these parts.

1. An Exhortation, have patience with me.

2. A Promise, and I will pay you all.

At this time of my Exhortation, And of the Promise, when God shall enable mee.

Of a Mayor.

A Major of a Towne wherein were many Tanners, had caused

ſed the wayes to be repaired againſt the Kings comming thither, by caſting good ſtore of hornes into the deepe places amongſt the ſtones. The King at his comming commended his care. Nay (an't pleaſe your Majeſty) quoth he, my brethren and I did lay our heads together that wee might make good way for your Majeſty, at which

the

the King heartily laughed.

Of one who had long haire.

A Scholler calling after one that had long haire; hee not hearing him at the first or second call, askt him whether his eares were lockt.

of Diogenes.

ONe asking *Diogenes* the Cynicke what hee would have to take a cuffe on the eare, he anſwered him a helmet. The ſame man walking in the fields, and ſeeing a young man ſhooting very unskilfully, went and ſate downe very neere the marke, ſome asking him why hee did ſo, hee anſwered leaſt

leaſt peradventure hee ſhould hit mee that ſhootes.

Miſtakes in reading.

ONe reading the hiſtory of *Eliſha*, in the old Teſtament, and how the children mocked him, read, and there came three ſhee Boares out of the forreſt and devoured them.

Another.

Another.

ANother reading part of an Epiſtle in the new Teſtament, read, for ſalute *Epaphras* the choſen of the Lord, ſalute *Epaphras* the cozen of the Lord. The ſame man reading of the uncovering the houſe in the Goſpell, to let downe the diſeaſed, read, and they let them downe in Coaches, for Couches.

An-

Another.

ANother reading in the Psalmes, hee shall flourish like a greene bay (tree following) turned over two leaves, and read on, horse and mule, in which is no understanding.

Another.

ANother reading the Parable of the Sower,

Sower, having it as he thought by heart, and not much attending the booke, but did halfe read it thus, and ſome ſeed fel amongſt ſtones, and the ſtones grew up and choaked it. The ſame at another time read; and the Sheepe eate up one of the mountaines, for, the Sheepe eate upon the mountaines.

Another.

Another.

ANother being to read that of Saint *Paul*, in the Acts, *Hebræi sunt, sum & ego*, read, *ebrei sunt sum & ego*, whereas hee was drunke indeed.

The division of a Text.

A Certaine Country Minister divided his Text after this manner, my Text hath

two

two parts, whereof like those two women grinding at the Mill, the one must bee chosen and the other left. Another thus, my Text like *Iudas* doth burst asunder, and naturally divides it selfe into these two parts.

Another.

ANother dividing this Text, seeke, and

and you ſhall finde, and willing to imitate the ſecond diviſion in Logicke diſtinguiſhed of foure ſorts of ſeekers.

1. Some ſeeke and finde not.

2. Others finde and ſeeke not.

3. Some both ſeeke and finde.

4. Others neither ſeeke nor finde.

Another.

Another.

ANother taking this Text, of the feaſt in the Goſpell, how cameſt thou hither without thy wedding garment? and the man was ſpeechleſſe, divided it thus.

1. A queſtion, how cameſt thou hither without thy wedding garment?

2. An anſwer, and the man was ſpeechleſſe.

Of

Of unequall legges.

A Chaplaine in *Oxford*, having one legge bigger then the other, was told by a Schollerthat his legges might well bee Chaplaines too, for they were never like to be fellowes.

Of a Scholler.

A Scholler had beene walking in the fields,

fields, and comming home againe ſaid, this winde is the unconſtanteſt thing that is in the earth, I walkt out right halfe a mile even now, and it blew directly in my face; I was no ſooner returned and it blew in my backe. The ſame man comming into their Colledge Kitchen, choſe out of the skillet all the ſwimming egges (which are moſt com-

commonly the worſt) for his owne dinner, and being askt why hee did ſo, becauſe (quoth hee) theſe ſhould be Duck eggs by their ſwimming.

Of two being at bowles.

TWo being together at bowels, at laſt they wrangled with each other, in reckoning their games, one of them deepely ſwea-

ſwearing that it was thus, the other ſaid, how horribly doſt thou ſweare, it is the great mercy of God, that the bowling greene doth not fall about thy eares.

Of the death of Iulius Cæſar.

CErtaine Schollers were diſcourſing of the death of *Julius Cæſar*, and all concluded that he was ſlaine with

with bodkins, one hearing it, demanded whether that were not *Iulius Cæsar*, whose picture stands before the Almancke.

A translation of a Distick.

PIstor erat quondam, laborando qui fregit collum.

Qui fregit collum, collum fregit que suum.

Translated by the Scholler that made them,

them, after this manner.

There was a Baker heretofore with labor and great paine:

Did break his neck, and breake his necke, and breake his necke againe.

A Construction.

A Schoole Boy being to construe that in *Terence*, *ventum erat ad vestæ*, rendred it

it in this manner, *ventum* the winde, *erat* was, *veſtæ* in the Weſt, at which the Schoole-Maſter laughing ſaid, it was then time to hoyſt up ſayle, and withall untruſt the boy and trimmed his pinnace.

Another.

A Young Deacon, being to bee made Miniſter, the Biſhop

in his examination put him to conſtrue that verſe of *Seneca* the *Tragædian*; *Curæ leves loquuntur, ingentes ſtupent*, Hee did it thus, *Curæ leves*, little Curates, *loquuntur*, doe Preach, *Ingentes* great Biſhops, *ſtupent* doe hold their peace.

Of a piece pawned.

A Scholler having beene in the fields

a ſhooting, comming home went into an Alehouſe, where wanting money for the preſent hee left his peece to diſcharge the ſhot. The ſame man comming from Sermon went into a Taverne where having ourdranke his purſe hee deſired the Vintner to take his word, which becauſe hee refuſed, hee threw him his Bible, and told him

if hee would not take his word, hee ſhould take Gods Word for it.

An ignorant Papiſt.

A Ieſuite adminiſtring the Sacrament to a ſicke Papiſt on a Friday, according to the order ſaid, Take eate, this is Chriſts body, the ſicke man anſwered him, that it ſtood againſt his conſcience

ſcience to eate fleſh on a Fryday, for he never uſed ſo to doe.

Of a Neates tongue let fall.

A Servitor in *Oxford*, ſerving to the Table a Neates tongue, let it fall by the way, being chid by his M. for it, he ſaid it was but *Lapſus Linguæ*.

Another by chance ſhed a diſh of broath on his Maſters Table,

hee reprehending him ſaid, ſirra, I could have done ſo much my ſelfe, no marvaile Sir (quoth he) now you have ſeene mee doe it before you.

Of a Skull.

AN *Oxford* Skull being asked how he got ſo much wit, being but a Skull, hee anſwered where ſhould the wit bee but in the skull.

Of

Of a Taylor.

A Taylour of the ſame Towne having his legges well beaten at cudgels, the company laughing at him, hee ſaid, Gentlemen why laugh yee, they are not my legs I ſtand upon.

Of a dry Preacher.

A Gentleman being at Sermon, where

a dull fellow preacht almost all his Auditory out of the Church, said that he made a very mooving Sermon.

Of a Clowne.

A Country fellow comming into the Schoole of Medicine in *Oxford*, and seeing there the mans skinne tanned, said that the skin wold make good Bucks-leather gloves.

Of

Of a cleare night.

ONe walking abroad in a cleare Mooneſhining night, ſaid it was as fine a night as any is in *England.* Another ſwore it was as fine a night as a man ſhall ſee in a Sommers day.

Of a ſcholler.

A Scholler as he was blowing the fire

in a winter night, his bellowes nose fell out, Gentlemen quoth he, it must needs bee cold weather when the bellowes noſe doth droppe.

Of a Welchman.

A Scholler examining a Welchman who was also a Scholler in the *Meteoro-logickes*, asked him, *quid est capra saltans?* The Welch

Welchman anſwered in Engliſh, that it was a capring Goat.

Of a Scholler that had ſoare legges.

A Scholler keeping his chamber very cloſely, by reaſon of his ſore legges, vvas askt by another, hovv hee could keepe in ſo much, having ſuch running legges.

Of

Of a young Scholler.

A Young Scholler was very much perplexed, becauſe in all his Dictionary, hee could not finde what was Latine for *Aqua-vitæ*. Another becauſe he could not finde Latine for a Noble.

Of two Schollers requiting each others kindneſſe.

A Certaine Seholler had occaſion to make

make uſe of a booke which hee himſelfe wanted, wherefore he ſent to another to borrow it for a ſhort time, but hee ſent him word that hee could not lend his booke out of doores, but that he ſhould come to his chamber and reade while he would. The Scholler being to have private uſe of it, furniſhed himſelfe anotherwhere, and afterward

ward wayled a requitall, which was thus offered: Two dayes after the other came to him to borrow his bellowes, hee made him answer, indeede I cannot lend my bellowes out of doores, but come to my chamber and blow whiles you will.

Witty

Witty anſwers.

Qu. WHy is *Cœlum* which is Latine for Heaven, onely of the maſculine gender, in the plurall number.

An Becauſe that I thinke few women ſhall come there, or at leaſt ſuch as are ſingular.

Qu. Why amongſt the reſt of the planets doth *Venus* caſt a ſhadow? *An.*

An. Becauſe her deeds doe moſt want it.

Qu. Why doth the man weare the horns whereas the woman doth make them?

An Becauſe the man is the head.

Qu. Suppoſe you and I were in a roome together, you being naked, pray which part would you firſt cover.

An. Your eyes Sir.

A Queſtion propoſed to

to a Gentlewoman, at the play of Queſtions and Commands.

Qu. Of all creatures, which dyeth beſt like a Swan?

An. A theefe, becauſe hee ſings before hee dies.

A witty anſwer.

A *Gloceſterſhire* man intruded at a *Devonſhire* feaſt, in *Oxford* (for once a yeare they

they have a ſolemne meeting that are of one ſhire) wherefore he was askt if he were their Countryman or no, he anſwered, there went but a paire of ſheeres betwixt us.

of Piſcator.

A Scholler being to take his degree for Batchelor of Divinity, in diſputations ſlighted the Authority of *Piſca-*

Piſcator, with theſe words, *Audio Apoſtolum non piſcatorem.* The Moderator anſwered him, why, *fuit Apoſtolus Piſcator.*

Of one being diſtreſſed in his bed.

A Gentleman being diſtreſſed in his naked bed, told his Chamberfellow, that he muſt needs riſe and untruſſe a point. Another (being a Welchman)

man) uſed the ſame phraſe, when hee ſaw a henne ſhiting on a Table.

Of a fooliſh wiſh.

A Scholler whoſe ſtudy was adjoyning to an Orchard, & ſeeing a tree of very faire plummes out of his window, wiſht himſelfe a crow that hee might fly out and fill his pockets, and ſo com-

come backe againe.

A fooliſh Reſolve.

TWo Schollers having beene abroad tipling, &c. about 8. or 9. reſolved at laſt to goe home and ſtudy like horſes, wherefore they agreed to locke each other into their ſtudies.

On

On a Scholler whoſe cup was overfull.

A Fellow whoſe cup was overfilled and ſo delivered unto him did once or twice very gingerly ſip there of, whereat the company laughing, he ſaid Gentlemen it was too full before, but now it is very faire, and ſo hee dranke off all the reſt. The ſame man at another time, ſwore that hee dranke once

as

as good beere as ever he did in his life.

Of a Scholler to be preſented Batchelour.

A Scholler that was to take his degree of Batchelour of Arts, was asked by the Deane that was to preſent him to the congregation with what conſcience hee could ſweare him to bee fit for that degree both in learning and man=

manners ſith hee had ſpent his time ſo ill in the Vniverſity? The Scholler anſwered him, hee might well ſweare him to bee *fit tam moribus quam doctrina*, for ſo the oath Deanes are to take doth runne in the Latine.

Of a Duns made M. of Arts

A Duns being created M. of Arts, one askes

askes how it is poſſi ble hee ſhould attaine to that degree, being ſo meane a Scholler, another anſwered, it miht well bee, for *Omnis creatio eſt ex nihilo.*

On an order in Magdalene Colledge in Oxford.

IN Magdalene Colledge in *Oxford*, it is an order that every morning one ſhall go about to every Schol-

lers doore that is of the foundatió, knocking loudly and crying *pars a quinta* (which signifies a quarter after five of the clocke) and warnes them all to prayers, one hearing this related said, doth hee knocke at every doore, yes saith the other, then replies he, hee had neede rise at three of the clocke to cry *pars a quinta.*

Of

Of a young Scholler.

A Schoole Maſter asked one of his Schollers in the Winter time, what was Latine for cold, O Sir, anſwered the lad, I have that at my fingers ends.

Of a Miniſter.

A Miniſter whoſe name was Thorn, having almoſt tyred

his Auditory in a Sermon, desired them to have patience, with him but for a while, and they should gather Grapes from Thorne.

Of one Taxed for false Latine.

A Servitor in *Oxford* being a Scholler, and having freely given his Tutor an Epistle for a New yeares gift,

gift, hee read it and taxed him for falſe Latine in it. Sir hee replies, I thought that you would not looke a gift horſe in the mouth.

Of a yong man and a Doctor

A Young man being in a bowling greene where was a grave Dr. at bowles, the Dr. ſaid hee would win the former caſt,

the young man hearing it, ſaid, Ile lay halfe a dozen on it.

Of a fellow of an houſe, and an under graduate.

A Fellow of a Colledge was chiding an under graduate, for prating too loud in dinner time, and withall told him that *vir ſapit qui pauca loquitur*, the other replies yes, *vir loquitur qui pauca ſapit.*

Of a Curate.

A Country Curate asking a young Scholler to which Vniverſity hee intended to go, the cholleranſwered him, to *Cambridge*. That is a very unhealthy place ſaid the firſt, and I thinke if I had lived there till this time, I had beene dead five yeares ſince. Another told a melancholy man, that if

he lived long that ſad kind of life, he would dye ſhortly.

Of a Cooke.

A Cooke of a Colledge on a Winter night being much buſied in dreſſing ſupper, and withall halfe tipled, cut up the ſheathe of his knife and broyled it for a red hearing.

Of

Of one at a non plus.

ONE haveing brought himſelfe to a non plus, in the telling of a tale, deſired another to helpe him out, no quoth he you are out enough already.

On a little ſtudy.

A Scholler haveing a very little ſtudy, and a company in his

chamber deſiring to ſee it, hee told them, ifaith Gentlemen if you goe all in, it will not hold you.

Of a ſluggard.

A Fellow that uſed to lye abed long every morne, once got up about the riſing of the Sunne, wherefore hee told ſome that the Sunne did riſe ſooner that mor-

morning then it had done theſe five yeares.

On a houſe of office.

ONe asking another which was the way to the houſe of office, was bid by him to follow his noſe, and hee could not miſſe the way. The ſame man comming backe againe, ſaid that hee had his belly full.

One

One that wore but one Spur.

A Scholler beeing jeer'd on the way for wearing but one Spurre, ſaid that if one ſide of his horſe went on, it was not likely that the other would ſtay behinde.

On a Bull.

SOme being talking concerning jeſts, buls, and the like, one

one of them averred that there was as much wit ſhewed in breaking a good bull, ſo it were voluntarily done, as in the beſt jeſt, which ſpeech another confirming, ſaid, that it was harder to ſpeake good nonſence, than bad good ſence.

Of

Of a Scholler sleighted.

A Scholler neglecting or not seeing one of his former familiar acquaintance, the other tooke it in endugine, and imputing it to his pride, said to those of his company, hee sees me well enough, but hee will not looke on me.

Of

Of an ignorant Prieſt.

AN ignorant Prieſt at the celebration of Maſſe, ſaw written in his booke *ſalta per tria* which ſignifies *folia* or *paginas*, in Engliſh, turne ore three leaves at once, he leaps downe backward 3. ſtaires from the Altar. The Country people thinking him madde bound him hand and foote, and carryed him

him out of the Church

Of a fooliſh Scholler.

IN a certaine monaſtery did live ſtudious youths under the diſcipline of an Abbot and their ſeverall Tutors, there one being bid to conſtrue an hymne in which was this word *pedo*, which ſignifies a ſheepe-crooke, the Scholler was thereat puzzeled.

Wher e

Wherefore the Abbot bad him looke out that word in the Dictionary, where having lookt, hee cryes out *pedo pedis pedere*, which ſignifies to fart, at which the reſt brak forth into a loud laughter. The Abbot being thereat very angry ſtrooke one of them, ſaying you raſcals dee laugh whileſt wee are talking of ſacred things?

Of

Of a Scholler.

A Vniverſity Scholler, many times ſtriving to bee graced with the degree of a Batchelour of Arts, could never obtaine it. At laſt all hope forſaking him, hee ſaid why there is no neceſſity I ſhould bee Batchelor, for Chriſt had twelve Diſciples, and yet none of them was a Batchelor.

On

On Platoēs *yeare.*

TWo young Phyloſophers went into an Inne to drink, where the hoaſt was an old man, but very witty and conceited. Where having diſputed moſt part of the night, concerning the opinions of Philoſophers, eſpecially of *Platoes* great yeare, (how after thirty thouſand yeares they ſhould

ſhould againe bee entertained in the ſame Inne,) At laſt they intreated the old man, that untill that time he would forbeare the reckoning, and when then they came againe they promiſed to pay him. To which hee anſwered, In the yeare paſt beeing 30000. yeares ſince, I remember you were here and did not pay your reckoning, pay that now, and

and I will truſt you for this untill the next yeare.

Of a young Scholler.

A Company of Schollers were talking of an impudent woman that bit her owne husband in the teeth with his hosnes; a puny amongſt them ſaith, what a foole was hee to let his wife know he

he was a Cuckold.

Of a Tutor.

A Tutor in the Vniverſity reprehending ſome of his Schollers for too much frequenting the waters, ſaid that hee would have no man venture to goe into the water untill hee could ſwimme well.

On

On a Country man.

A Country fellow went to the Vniverſity of *Oxford* to ſee his young Landlord, who was there a ſtudent. And having found him diſcourſing amongſt Scholers, he ſaid hee would give twenty pounds his Sonne were ſo good a Scholler as he. Wouldſt thou replies the Scholler, it has coſt

coſt my Father five hundred pound. Hath it ſo ſaith the other. Then you and your Father are both damnably cheated.

On certaine Schollers.

CErtaine Schollers ſpeaking in the company of one whoſe name was *Hill*, that *H* was no letter, no faith he, it will then goe very ill with me.

A Diſputation.

A Grave man comming into the Hall to diſpute with a Batchelour of Arts, on this queſtion; *An Monarchia ſit optimus ſtatus Reipublicæ*, began with this ſuppoſition, *ſupponas me eſſe Monarcham te ſubditum*, &c. the other anſwers *hoc non eſt ſupponendum* (replies he) *non? ſupponas diſputationis gratia*

non diſputationis gratia, ſaith the Batchelour, *quare?* askes the firſt, ſaith the other *quia uno dato abſurdo ſequuntur mille.*

On a Grove.

THe ſame man hearing a Grove commended which was neere unto his houſe, ſaid that indeede it wold be a good grove were it not for the trees.

Of a quarrell betweene two Schollers.

A Scholler being big and tall of ſtature, quarrelling with another, that was much leſſe then himſelfe, the latter ſaid a great Clowne, were he cut in two, hee would make three of me.

A relation of Newes.

A Certaine Scholler asking another what newes in the Country, hee ſaid that at a Towne in *Dorſet* ſhire, a man being to be buryed in a bluſtering and ſtormy day, when hee was brought into the Church, and ſet downe from the mens ſhoulders, the Beere gave a great cracke. The Miniſter asking

asking what it was that did cracke ſo (fearing it had beene a beame of the Church) nothing ſaid the dead man. And when hee was to be interred, the grave being in the Churchyard, was halfe full of water, which when the dead man felt, he ſaid, what doe you meane to bury me and drowne me too. Notwithſtanding they buryed him, and

it is now queſtioned.

A miſtake in reading.

A Curate being to reade that paſſage in the Scripture, and *Abraham* did ſolace his wife, read, and *Abraham* did ſo lace his wife.

At Woodſtocke by Scholers.

KIng *James*, of Famous memory be-

ing

ing at *Woodſtocke*, the Schollers of Chriſt-Church, preſented him with a play, named the Marriage of the Artes, a Comedy very good, but not well taken by the Court, whereon one made this diſticke to the Authour.

Sixe miles thy Muſe had travell'd that I thinke.

The cauſe that made thy verſes feete to ſtinke.

On a French Prieſt.

A Prieſt under our Popiſh ignorance willing to prove that the Pariſh muſt pave the Church and not hee, proved it out of the old Teſtament, in theſe words, *paveant illi non paveam ego.*

On a meere Scholler.

A Certaine meere Scholler being to ride

ride before a Gentlevvoman on the ſame horſe, out of curteſie deſired her to get up firſt, vvhich ſhe denying, hee very earneſtly urged her to it, thinking it as I ſuppoſe a part of good manners.

An Epigramme on this ſaying.

QVot capita tot ingenia.

So many heads ſo many wits, fie, fie;

It is a ſhame for Proverbes thus to lye:

For I, though my acquaintance bee but ſmall;

Know many heads that have no wit at all.

On

On a paire of foule bootes.

A Scholler being haſty on his journey, the other was over curious in making cleane his bootes, hee jeſtingly told him, I prethee leave, for the old dirt will ſerve to keepe out the new.

Of a Scholler.

A Scholler having brought his Tutor an

an exercise in prose, he disslikt it, and bad him turne it into verse the next day the yong Scholler brought it, so saith hee, now there is rime in it, before neither rime nor reason.

On a Country man.

A Country man being told by his Minister that he must defie the world, the flesh and

and the devill, made this anſwer; Sir I hope you vvill parden mee in that, your Worſhip knovves mee to bee a poore man, and therefore it becomes not me to defie any man.

On a Gentleman.

A Gentleman being in a place vvhere there vvas vvondrous ſmall beere, ſaid to his friend, O Sir, this beere

beere ſweates extreamely, your reaſon ſaid he, why? I tell you man its all in a water.

Another of the ſame.

THE ſame Gentleman complained that the beere at ſuch a Colledge was dead, that may very well be ſaid his Companion, for it was weake when I were here laſt.

Of

of a Scholler.

A Maſter of a Colledge, ſeeing one of the foundation clad with an extreame ſhort Gowne, reprehended him ſharpely, and told him it was a diſparagement to the whole Society, for him to goe ſo ridiculouſly accoutred, good Sir, replies the fellow, have patience a while, for it will bee

bee long enough Ile vvarrant you before I have another.

An Oxford Townesman.

A Certain Tovvnesman vvas boasting vvhat revenge hee vvould take on another vvhom hee conceived had vvronged him: the same party hearing his threats, answvered him that curst covves have shorn

short hornes: the former mans wife standing by, and willing to take her husbands part, replyed yea? but I hope my husband is none of those Cowes Sir.

On one that had lost at cards

A Gentleman much bemoaning his bad fortune, that hee had lost forty peeces at cards, but at last, its no

no great matter (ſaid he) I am (I thinke) in part revenged, for I am ſure he tooke ſome light gold: and therewithall reſted himſelfe contented.

A bitter Ieaſter.

IN the time of Queen *Elizabeth*, lived one *Pace* a very bitter Ieaſter, who being once admitted into the preſence of ſome Court

Court Ladyes, they ſaid unto him, come on *Pace* we ſhall now heare of our faults, no replies hee, I doe not uſe to talke of that which all the towne talkes of.

On a Mercer.

AN *Oxford* Mercer, one that had a great opinion of his owne wit, being asked by a Country fellow

low if hee would ſell him a mat, called forth his daughter *Martha*, whom hee uſually ſo called, and askt him what hee would give him for that mat, the Clowne made him anſwer, that he would willingly have ſuch a mat as was never laine upon, which quite abaſht both the Mercer and his daughter.

On an Engliſhman and a Frenchman.

AN Engliſh man being in the company of a Frenchman, and with many ſwaggering tearmes, braving him amongſt the reſt, ſaid that wee give the Lyon, the Prince of all beaſts for our Armes: the Frenchman anſwered him, true, yet *Leo gallum perhorreſcit.*

On

On a jealous man.

A Certaine man that was ſomewhattoo jealous of his wives honeſty, uſed oftentimes when ſhee walkt, to looke out of the doore to watch whether his wife went. Which ſhee often perceiving, and taking in great endugine, roundly told him, that if hee uſed ſo continually to looke after

after her, ſhee would clappe ſuch a paire of hornes upon his head, that from thenceforth he ſhould not bee able to put his head out of the doores.

Of a poore Souldier.

A Captaine ſeeing a poore Souldier march ſweating in a Winter morning, askt him how hee could ſweate in ſuch cold wea-

weather ? The Souldier anſwered him marry Captaine if you carryed all your goods on your backe as I do, you would ſweate as well as I.

A ſilly young Gentlewoman.

A Silly Country Gentlewoman being begot with childe by one that was much her inferiour, to ſave her credit, accuſed the man

man of rape, where-upon the matter was had in queſtion be-fore a neighbour Iu-ſtice of peace, who ſomewhat perceiving the matter, after hee had heard her com-plaint, how deepely ſhee had beene injured, as pittying her ſaid, alas poore Gen-tlewoman, I warrant this was not the firſt time the rogue ra-viſht you, ſhee to ag-

gravate his crime, replyed, no lle be ſworn hee raviſht mee above twenty times, which procured much laughter, and the fellowes freedome.

On an old Lady.

AN ancient Lady was ſitting at Table, with company who were queſtioning each others age, ſhee being deſirous to be

bee thought younger then indeede ſhe was, ſaid, that ſhee was but forty yeares old, *Cicero* being then preſent, and hearing it, rounded him that ſate next him in the eare, ſaying you muſt beleeve her, for J have heard her ſay ſo, any time theſe Tenne yeares.

Of a Tyler.

A Tyler and his man were together at worke upon a houſe, when the Raftersbreaking, his man fel down through the roofe, the Tyler looking after him, ſaid, I like a fellow that will goe through his worke.

Another.

Another.

ANother falling from a houſe top, kild with his weight a man that was under, but ſaved his owne life, the other mans friend proſecuting the Law, and requiring *Lex talionis*, was adjudged to get up on the houſe and to fall downe on the Tyler.

A Country man.

A Country fellow comming into Cheapeſide, tooke up a waſter and a buckeler to play with an Apprentice, the Apprentice beating him ſoundly, breaking his head, &c. the fellow caſt downe his waſter againe, and ſaid that if he had not thought that the Apprentice would ſtill have ſtruck on

on the Buckler, (as he thought) he would not have plaid.

On a boy ſerving in a pigges head.

A Certaine company of Gentlemen were met together at dinner, at a friends houſe, where a boy was ſerving in a pigs-head to the Table, in a foule diſh, for which his Maſter being an-

gry did much chide him, one of them ſtanding by excuſed the boy in this manner, faith Sir (ſaid he,) you need not be ſo angry, for the diſh is ſo clean that the boy may ſee his face in it.

Of an old man and a Iudge.

NOT long ſince was an old man brought before a Iudge to be a witneſſe of

of an ancient cuſtome of a Pariſh, which was then controverted, the Iudge therefore in his examination enquired of him how many yeares old hee was, hee anſwered one and threeſcore, the Iudge trying to put him out of countenance ſaith, and why not threeſcore and one (whereas indeed the greateſt number ſhould be put firſt) the old man re-

plies becauſe (may it pleaſe your Lordſhip) I was one before I was threeſcore.

On a Gentlewoman and her Servant.

A Gentle woman was boaſting what an overthrow ſhee had given an adverſary of hers in a ſuit of Law; yes Miſtreſſe (quoth one of her ſervants that ſtood by) he

hee tooke the wrong ſow by the eare, when firſt hee beganne to meddle with you.

Of a Gentlewoman betraying her ſelfe.

A Gentle-woman was in company tel ing a tale of a Curtezan who was like to bee ſurprized in bed with a Lord, and that they vvere ſo neere taken, that to ſave both their

their credits, the lord was enforced to let her downe at the window with one of the ſheetes: In concluſion quoth ſhee, the knot ſlipt and downe fell I.

A Gentleman and his Wife.

A Conceited Gentleman ſeeing his wife in a very ſullen mood, asked her how ſhe did, ſhe anſwered him,

him, that ſhee was not ſick, nor yet very well. Nay (quoth hee) then I may even turne thee out of doores, for I only promiſed to cherriſh thee in ſickeneſſe or in health, which anſwer awakned her ſullen humour.

Of a Welch Barber.

A Welch Barber ſhaving a leane man, put in his finger into his

his mouth, to bend out his hollow cheek, that hee might doe it more conveniently, but by neglect, *he* cutting his owne finger through the fellowes cheeke, he gave him a great cuffe on the eare saying, A pox on your thinne choppes, thus to make mee hurt my finger.

Of

Of a young Barber.

A Young Barber comming to trim a Gentleman, the Gentleman asked him what was become of his Maſter; (who was formerly wont to trim him,) Sir quoth the ſhaver, my Maſter hath left off ſhop-keeping, and hath turned your Worſhip over to me.

Of

Of two Fryers.

TWO Shavelings were in disputation whether God had made more worlds then one? the one of them alleadged that passage in the Gospell, concerning the cleansing of tenne Leapers, being Christs words. *An non decem facti Sunt mundi?* the other having had recourse first to the Text, answered him

him as learnedly with the words following, *ſed ubi ſunt illi novem?*

How many ſorts of Cuckolds

THere are of Cuckolds three ſeverall ſorts.

1. A Goate-Cuckold who is abuſed, and doth not thinke of it, for his hornes grow like thoſe of the goat, quite backeward, and ſo out of ſight

ſight, out of minde.

2. An Aſſe Cuckold, who taking the ſhaddow of his eares for his hornes thinks himſelfe a Cuckold, but is not.

3. A Ramme Cuckold who knowes hee hath hornes, ſees them and thinkes it no diſparagement to weare them.

Of

Of a paire of stockes.

A Fellow that was set in the stockes, said that the last night hee was in a wood, where hee could see over, and under, and quite through, and yet could by no meanes get out of it.

On one that would borrow money.

A Gamester having lost all his money in

in a roome where was one with whom hee had some small acquaintance, on the bed; came to him and said, Sir, if you bee not asleepe, I pray lend mee five shillings, the other, —— fastasleepe I protest.

Of one wanting beere.

A Tenant dyning at his Lords table, could get no liquor, where

wherefore he roſe up and deſired leave to goe home and drinke, ſaying, that he would returne againe preſently.

Of a Welchman.

A Welchman that had beene at the Aſſizes, and ſeeing the priſoners hold up their hands to the Bar, comming thence ſaide, that they were

fery

fery good fortune tellers, for doe but hold up hur hand, and they was tell hur whether hur ſhall live or dye preſently.

Of a Lobſter being ſhot.

A Company of Inland Cock-neyes, ſhot a living Lobſter which was let fall on the high way, for a Serpent, and made a ſolemne thankeſgiving

ving for their deliverance from it. One of them being ſomewhat wiſer then the reſt, tooke the Serpent and invited the Miniſter of the Pariſh to dine thereat, who being derided for his error, ſaid that in all his life time, he never ſaw a blacke Lobſter before.

A miſtake in a mans name.

A Fellow was ſent in a meſſage to one whoſe name was *Anckeeill*, and that hee might the better remember his name, he was bid remember the anckle of his legge, he went on his errant, and comming to the place where hee lived, miſtooke Anckle and enquires for one Maſter Calfe.

Of

Of a ſtrumpet being with childe.

A Strumpet ſaying that ſhee was begot with childe by *Ariſtippus*, he anſwered her, you no more know that; then if you went through a hedge of thornes, you could ſay, that this thorne prickt me.

of a Souldier whoſe ſtones were cut out.

A Scholler hearing a begging Souldier complaine that his ſtones were cut out at the Iſle of Rea, did thus bemoane him,

Ille dolet vere qui ſine teſte dolet.

Of a Welchman.

A Welchman obſerving a fellow to cut

cut his Maſters purſe, came behind him and cut off his eare, at which the cheater ſtarting, hee ſaid, nay Sir, no wrong, give my Maſter his purſe againe, and you ſhall have your eare.

Of granting ſuites.

THe Lord Treaſurer in the raigne of Queene *Elizabeth* adviſed her not to grant

mens ſuites too ſpeedily, for ſaid he; *bis dat qui cito dat*, if you give ſo ſoone, they will come to you againe.

Of a Welchman being to bee hanged.

AN Engliſhman being on the gallowes, ſaid nothing ſo much grieved him, as that hee muſt bee hangd with that ſhabbed Welchman, God-

ſplit

ſplit hurnailes (quoth the Welchman, in a great rage) hur will hang cheeke by joule with the proudeſt of you all, and hur would have you know, that hur keepes as cood company as you, every day in the weeke. The hang-man dealing ſomewhat rudely in fitting the halter about the ſame Welchmans necke, he lookt about very angerly

upon him ſaying, why how now; what doſt thou meane to throttle me.

Of a Spaniſh cheater.

A Spaniſh cheater had gotten him under wide hanging ſleeves, a paire of falſe armes, which he artificially lifting up in time of prayer did with his true armes (if ſo I may call them) cut

cut the purſes of all the votaries that were neare him.

Of a priſoner.

A Priſoner at Newgate, having loſt money out of his pockets, looking about on his fellow Priſoners ſaid, how now Gentlemen what have wee theeves among our ſelves.

Of a name on a cap.

A Gentleman ſeeing one whoſe name was *Hill*, to weare a cap with the firſt letter of his name wrought upon it, ſaid that hee might very well weare a cappe for hee had a great *H.* o'his head.

Of

of a ſtinking breath.

ONe being in company with a man that had a ſtinking breath, told him that he would make a good Trumpeter, being asked the reaſon why hee thought ſo, hee anſwered him, becauſe you have a very ſtrong breath.

of a Gentlewomans legges.

ONe ſeeing a Gentlewoman garter her ſtockin in the ſtreete, ſaid to her, Miſtris, you have a good legge, Sir, ſaid ſhee, I thinke I have two: he replies they are two indeed, I thinke they are twins, not ſo ſaid ſhee, for there was a man borne betweene them.

On a dogge.

A Dog named Roſe piſt on a Gentlewomans bed, at which ſhe being angry, did beate the dogge, one being preſent, excuſed the dogge, ſaying you need not fret ſo much at it, for it was but a little Roſewater.

On

Of a Iugge whoſe hander was broken.

ONe ſeeing a Jugge without a hander, and willing to breake a jeaſt on it, ſaid that the Iugge had beene in the Pillary, being asked why? becauſe (quoth hee) hee hath loſt his hander. The ſame man having at table given a pidgeons legge to another, (the other ſmelling to it

it to try if it were ſweete) told him that hee ſhould not ſmell a gift horſe in the mouth.

On a light wench.

A Certaine kinde-hearted Creature affirming her ſelfe to bee a maid, was asked by one in the company how ſhee could proove that, another anſwered for her, *per demon-*

demonstrationem a posteriori.

One complaining for want of sleepe.

ONe complaining how little sleepe hee enjoyed the night before, said I could not sleepe the last night, betweene twelve and one of the clocke, for two houres together.

Of

Of a Miſer gathering wooll.

A Rich Miſer was often obſerved to goe abroad in the fields and picke wool, which having done, hee would put it into his breeches, leaſt hee ſhould be ſeene, wherfore ſome in a waggery put wooll full of lice, on the hedges where hee was wont to gather it.

On one that was accuſed for ſtealing a Bull.

ONe being accuſed at the Aſſizes for ſtealing a Bull, pleaded that hee had brought him up from a calfe, defended himſelfe, and was freed. A Welchman who was endited, for ſtealing of a ſword, was nevt tryed, and he hoping for the like ſucceſſe, pleaded that hur had

had brought up hur ſword from a dagger.

On a Welchman.

A Welchman ſeeing the moone ſhine into the bottome of a Well, told another that there was a ſheece in the bottome of the Well, and haſtily leapt into take it out. Another ſeeing the Moone ſhine in a poole, ranne home

home and ſwore that the poole was on fire.

Of a theefe.

A Theefe being accuſed of a roguiſh fact, denying it ſaid, I am a very rogue if ever I did it.

On an old woman.

THere being ſome *Aqua vitæ* offered to an old woman of foure-

foureſcore, ſhe asked them what it was, they anſwered hot water, wherefore ſhe would not drinke of it, untill ſhe had blowne on it a long while.

Of the Sea betweene England and Holland.

ONe reporting that it is a dangerous Sea, betweene England and Holland. Another ſaid hee neere knew

knew one drowned therein his life, no replies hee, I ſay, *A. M.* came over from Holland into England, and was drowned by the way.

Of one that ſpake bigge.

A Scholler being about to deſcribe one that ſpake very bigge, ſaid he ſpake as if he had a Bow-bell in his mouth.

A womans deſire.

A Gentlewoman when her husband was carving at the Table, deſired him to give her a flap o' the Coney, her husband anſwered her, how wife, what before all this company.

Of a thinne peece of cheeſe.

A Thinne peece of cheeſe being ſet before

before a Scholler, hee preſently layd his finger on his mouth, and being asked why hee did ſo, hee anſwered leaſt my breath ſhould blow it away.

On a tatling Wench.

ONe hearing a talkative Wench, ſaid that her tongue ranne upon wheles, another; that ſhe had her tongue at her fingers ends. *On*

On a fat man.

ONe ſeeing a fat man whoſe legges were ſwolne with drinking, ſaid that his body was like an hoggeſ-head, ſet upon two flaggons.

Of a Clowne.

A Country fellow having ſeene a gay Gentlewoman in a paire of Sattin ſlip=

per s

pers, deſcribing her attire to his companion, ſaid that the upper leather of her ſlippers was Sattin.

Of one oretaking another on the way.

A Country fellow riding on the way and wanting Company, at laſt hee eſpies one before, and ſetting ſpurres to his horſe, ridde and ore-

tooke

tooke him, where his firſt ſalutation was, Well met Sir. The ſame being at another time oretaken on the way by a Gentleman, hee ſaid you are well oretaken friend, hee anſwered, and ſo are you Sir.

On Blacke-berries.

ONe told his companion that hee had this yeare already

seene red blacke berries, how can that be possible, saith the other, why replies hee, are they not red, when they are greene?

Of a large-beard.

ONe seeing a fellow with a large promisse beard, said he lookt as if he had eaten a horse, and the taile of it did hang out of his mouth. Another

other seeing a little fellow with a great bushy beard, askt who it was that stood behind the beard.

of long Mustachos.

A Iudge seeing a fellow come within the barre, that had great Mustachoes, standing out streight, and no haire on his chinne, called to him, ho? you there with a

ruler in your mouth, what, busineſſe have you to preſſe in after this rude manner, &c.

A Proverbe.

HEE that is fit to drink wine, muſt have Sugar on his beard, his eyes in his pockets, and his feet in his hands.

Of

Of one that went a Souldier.

ONe having a Son which was an unthrift, compeld him to goe a Souldier into the Low Countryes; A friend of his meeting him told him that he heard he vvold goe a voluntary, I God knowes, quoth the other much againſt my will.

Of a fooliſh Frenchman.

A French man (ſaith *Euſtathius*) going to ſleepe, put a braſſe pot under his head, and becauſe the hardneſſe of it did offend him, hee ſtuft it with feathers and chaff, and ſo ſleept on it thinking it very eaſie.

On a Tertian Ague.

A Gentleman went to viſit a friend of his that was ſicke, and comming into the roome where he lay, hee enquired of him what his diſeaſe was, hee anſwered him a Tertian ague, ſaith the other, how doth it take you? O laſſe ſaid the ſicke man, I am much troubled with it, for it takes mee every day.

Of a young Sutor.

SOme asking a young man, why he lookt after a wife so soone, he answered them they must give him leave to looke before he leape.

A Wenches honesty.

ONe was prayſing a Wenches honeſty, whom a ſtander by knew to be a whore, where-

wherefore he ſaid to him, is ſhee honeſt, pray had ſhee never a childe? the firſt anſwered him, indeed ſhe had a childe, but it was a very little one.

A ſweete tooth.

ONe refuſing certaine meate at the table, ſaid, that was not for his pallate, and that hee had a ſweete tooth. A ſtander by

anſwers; vvho ever knevv a Calves head vvithout one.

Two Scolds.

TWo vvomen ſcolding, and caſting the lye on each other, one of them ſaid thou lyeſt like a vvhore, a theefe, and a vvitch, the other replies, but thou lyeſt like an Almanacke-maker, for thou lyeſt every day

and

and all the yeare long.

On a Miller.

THere vvas a certain man named *Regulus*, vvho having caught his Miller in a theft, vvould have him hanged for it; the Miller being now on the gallowes, he entreated and conjured him by his faith to tell him of an honest Miller. The Miller upon his oath

oath affirmed that he knew none. If it be ſo ſayd *Regulus* come thou downe againe and live, leaſt I meete with a worſe theefe than thou art.

Of a Player.

A Player having in the night taken theeves in his houſe, hee ſayd to them, I wonder what you would finde here in the

the night, whereas I can finde nothing here in cleare day.

Of one being in a tempeſt.

ONe being in a dangerous tempeſt (all being commanded to throw thoſe thinges that were moſt burthenous into the ſea) threw firſt his wife, ſaying, that hee was burthened with nothing

thing ſomuch as vvith her.

On a red head.

ONe ſeeing a fellovv vvith a carret-pate, ſayd that hee vvould rayſe notable tumults if hee vvere a chymny-ſvveeper, being askt the reaſon, hee anſvvered becauſe if hee ſhould put his head out of the chimny, the people vvould

vvould thinke it vvere fire, and all runne to quench it.

Of a Bavarian.

TWO Bavarians vvere travelling tovvards *Rome*, and by the vvay vvent into an Inne, and eate egges for their dinner. After they vvere again gone forth on their journey saith the one of them to the other, I have deceived

deceived mine hoſt very cunningly, the other asking him how, he anſwered, becauſe I ate a whole chicke in one of the egges, and paid nere a farthing for it.

Of a Traveller.

A Traveller comming into a Taverne, and calling for *Grecian* wine, the woman brought him ſome

ſome of her owne u-
rine, he taſting it, and
perceiving her guile,
ſaid hee would have
none of that Wine, for
it did taſte of the
caske.

On a Wilde-ducke.

A Gentleman being
at the table where
was a very fat wild-
ducke, hee ſaid, hee
thought the ducke
was crambd, at which
the

the reſt laughing, asked him who ſhould crambe it, he anſwered them the man in the Moone.

On a private marriage.

A Gentleman deſcribing a couple that were marryed privately, ſaid that they were marryed without a wedding.

On

On the Romane Iulia.

IVlia the daughter of *Auguſtus Cæſar*, being gravely admoniſhed by a ſtiend of hers, that ſhee ſhould compoſe her ſelfe to the example of her fathers temperance and frugality, ſhee anſwered, Hee forgets himſelfe to bee *Cæſar*, but I remember my ſelfe to be *Cæſars* daughter.

On

On Populia.

THe like anſwer was given by the Romane *Populia*, a luxurious woman, who when one of her friends ſaid that hee wondred why beaſts never deſire to couple with their males, (otherwiſe in women) but when they deſire to conceive young; ſhe anſwered, becauſe they are beaſts.

Two travailing.

TWo travailing on the way, they came to a very narrow path, where one doubting they were gon amiſſe becauſe of the narrowneſſe of the track, the other anſwered, piſh, it is a great rode man of a pathway.

A ridiculous ſpeech.

A Gentleman newly being come from *London*, another askt him, how ſuch a friend of his fared who was then in *London*, the other anſwered him that hee did not ſee him. No! (rep'yes hee) why had you not ſought him: ſeeke a man there (cries the other) ſeeke a man in a bottle of hay.

On

On a tyred horſe.

A Gentleman ſeeing anothers horſe at a ſtand, he not able to make him goe maugre his ſpurring him, ſaid, that the man was mounted on a poſt-horſe.

On a Phœnix.

A Nother reporting that hee had ſeene a Phœnix in his travels,

vels, a Phœnix one askt him in the company, whether it were a cocke Phœnix or a henne.

On one in the stocks.

A Gentleman being for a mi'demeanour set in the stocks, a friend of his who the meane while had beene at the Taverne, hearing of it, came hallowing into the Temple hall in *London* where

where it was done. And being demanded why he did ſo, hee anſwered that hee had loſt a friend of his in a wood, and therefore hallowed for him as is the uſe.

An Epigramme on a drunken Smith.

I Heard that ſmug the Smith, for Ale and ſpices,
Sold all his tooles, and yet he kept his vices.

On a cloſe ſtoole.

A Clowne ſeeing a Gentleman make uſe of a cloſe ſtoole, ranne downe the ſtaires and cryed to the hoſt, that the Gentleman did — in his pewter cheſt, which mooved much laughter.

On foule table-clothes.

A Scholler having on a Friday invited

ted ſome of his friends to a dinner of fiſh, and having very foule table-cloathes, deſired them to fall too, and be merry, for there was plenty both of fiſh and foule.

An Epitaph on a Cobler.

COme hither, reade my gentle friend;
And here behold a Coblers end:
Longer in length his

his life had gone,
But that he had no
laſt ſo long.
O mighty death,
whoſe power can kill,
The man that made
him ſoules at will.

Ambiguous ſpeeches.

ONe ſaid that hee had ſeene a Noble-man eate a herring half an houre after his head was of. Another that he had heard one ſweare

ſweare a great oath, two houres after hee was dead.

On a jealous man.

A Certaine man was ſo farre paſt in jealouſie of his wives looſneſſe, at the very conceit grew melancholicke, and conſequently ſicke, whereupon a friend of his that came to viſit him, asked him where was

his diſeaſe, whether in head, ſtomacke, &c. hee anſwered that hee was onely troubled with a bad liver, meaning his wife, who as hee thought lived looſely.

On a Cuckold.

A Certaine man in *Spaine* being to be markt in the forehead for having three wives, one ſaid that hee might

might bee ſpared, for hee was markt in the forehead when he had but one wife.

On a ſtout fellow.

A Stout fellow being preſt for a Souldier, with many teares bewailed his ſad misfortune, and being rebuked by one of his friends for it, he anſwered, it would never grieve me Sir, if

I might ſtay at home and fight with my friends.

Of a Gntleman.

A Gentleman who was troubled with the Iaundiſe, was adviſed by his Phyſition to drinke Lice for his diſeaſe, whereupon he ſent his ſervant to Newgate to purchaſe ſome, hee bought two peniworth, but finding

ding one of them to be very ſmall, hee deſired his Merchant to exchange him, nay Sir you ſhall excuſe mee, quoth hee, doe you thinke I vvill cull my vvare for tvvo pence.

Of a Taylor.

A Taylour meeting his debtor on the Exchange, beſpake him vvith theſe vvords Sir, there is ſomthing

betweene you and I, is there ſo quoth the other, why doſt thou not take it up then.

Of a Glutton.

ONe beholding a Glutton falling hard to his victuals, ſaid that he devoured his meate like any Hanniball.

Another.

Another.

A Glutton being to encounter his enemy, was encouraged by a Spectator in this wiſe, thou needſt not doubt of the victory, for to my knowledge, thou art armed with the better ſtomacke.

Another.

Another.

ONe falling by chance into company with another that had much injured him, brake out into this paſſionate ſpeech, well, ſaid he, if I am here, there is a knave not farre off.

A Witty inſcription.

WItty was that conceite of him

him who beſtowed this inſcription on the doore of a Iakes, Here are farts to bee let.

Of a Red noſe.

ONe ſaid that your Red noſe would looke ſo blue in a froſty morning

Another.

Another.

NOt much unlike was that of him, who would needs lay a wager that there was *Coventry* blew browne thred.

Another.

ONe ſaid of a man ſparing in his diet, that he lived by the aire like the Cormorant.

On

On a Tinker.

A Tinker comming through Cheapeſide, and ſounding bravely on his kettle to the tune of have you any worke for a Tinker, a forward Linnen Draper, that thought to put a jeaſt on the Tinker, there being a Pillory before his doore, told him hee ſhould doe well to ſtoppe thoſe two holes,

holes, pointing to the Pillory, the Tinker returnd him this answer, that if he vvould afford him his head and eares, hee vvould finde a hammer and nailes, and give him vvorke into the bargaine.

On a Begger.

ONe comming to begge an Almes of a Gentleman, and being

being very importu-
nate, the Gentleman
not knowing how
to be rid of him, after
he had askt him a few
queſtions, told him
that a man knew not
to whom to bee cha-
ritable for there are
ſuch a company of
ſturdy beggers, that if
one do not give ſome-
thing to them, they
will bid a pox take
one. O Sir replies the
begger, you are miſta-
ken

ken in me, I am none of thoſe, the Gentleman replyed, then goe your wayes, Ile try you for once.

On a Baker.

A Baker riding through a Yeomans Cloſe, ſpyed a fat Gooſe, and being a merry fellow, hee lights downe, tooke up the Gooſe, and weighing her in his hands

hands, hee likt herſo well that hee put her into one of his coffers, and thumping old Brocke his Mare with his feete, hee began to trot homewards as faſt as hee could, the Countriman that owed the Gooſe, obſerving the Bakers knavery, ſtrained his throate, cryed aloud Baker, Baker, the Baker made as if hee did not heare, but rides home

home as faſt as hee could, the Countryman knowing who he was, got a warrant to have him before a Iuſtice, the buſineſſe being examined, the Baker was askt what he could ſay for himſelfe: And like your Worſhip ſaith hee, I went to buy a Gooſe, and comming into this mans cloſe I took one up, wayed her, liked her, and carryed her

her home, this man cals to mee to Bake her, which I have done, and if your Worſhippe as he loves a gooſe, truly both of you ſhall be welcome to the pye.

Of an old man marrying a young woman.

A Young maid being married to an old man, ſhee was very ſad all the time the wed-

wedding was holden, wherefore one comforting her ſaid, bee of good cheere woman for an old horſe will performe as long a journey as a young. She ſighing and withall ſtroking downe her belly anſwering, But not in this rode Sir.

FINIS.